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MOLDED PLASTIC TOKENS

Previous articles have dealt with tokens made by a heat impression process. But as many of you know there were several series with raised letters made with molds, rather than slightly incuse legends. The legends for the molded tokens were the same color as the token plastic unlike those made by the heat-impression method. All had raised rims unlike the others. So far there is no evidence that the english-language molded tokens were used in Puerto Rico and that the Spanish-language pieces were used anywhere else. Please note that the photograph quality in some cases is not high, so that illustrations may be somewhat dim.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TOKENS

Personalized Plastics Company

1. Raised Reverse, Flat Obverse (RRFO)

While not uncommon this token type was used to a considerably lesser degree than the LLSN and SLSN heat-impression types (see July 1981 issue of the newsletter for details of these). The obverse was made by the standard heat-impression method like the former two. They were more expensive, but the likelihood of wear in the legend was much less due to the protection afforded by the raised rim. Tokens were uniformly 29mm in diameter with a 2mm thick rim and were slightly flexible with a satin finish. The plastic color/denomination combinations were the same as the LLSN and SLSN varieties, that is 1¢-black, 5¢-green, 10¢-blue, 25¢-red and 50¢-pink. However one example of a 50¢-gold specimen has been examined from ROCKY'S/DRIVE IN/GROCERY in Sequin, Texas. The reverse legend is the standard one, that is:

FOOD STAMP CREDIT/ (numeral-of-value)¢/ IN ELIGIBLE FOODS



WALLACE ID



FARGO ND



SIOUX FALLS SD



SEGUIN TX



The numeral "1" is 6mm tall with serifs. The "c" is 5mm tall and the crossbar bisects the "c". The numeral is in a faintly outlined 15.5mm circle which seems to be the result of an interchangeable section of the token mold. Apparently the numeral section could be interchanged with other numerals. Few of these reverses have been seen in which the numeral position is normal to that of the wording. A fertile field for future study will be the many varieties of rotated reverse numerals.

2. Raised Reverse, Raised Obverse (RRRO)



WICHITA KS



NEW YORK NY



NON-LOCAL NY, VT



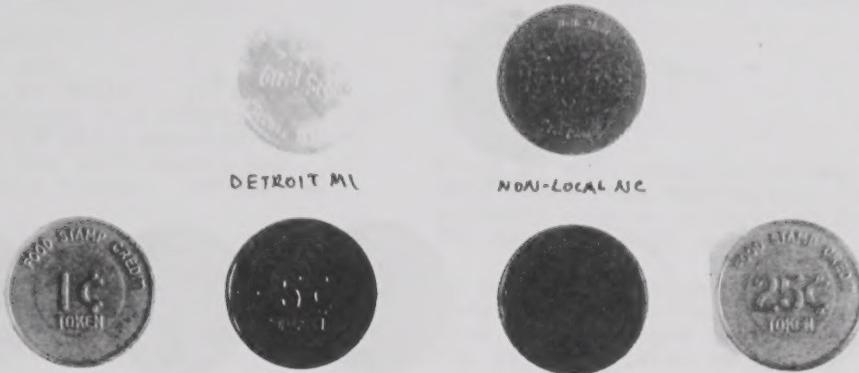
FREEHOLD NJ

LOCALE UNKNOWN

Similar in every respect to the RRFO is this type, except that the obverse is raised as well. There is no coloring of the legend. RRRO tokens were used even less than the above. Rumor has it that minimum orders for this type had to be in the thousands. Both RRFO and RRRO were probably made in the 1976-79 period. RRRO color/denomination combinations appear to be standard, although a white 1¢ token has been examined.

Malo Plastics, Inc.

An FSC token maker new to most readers has recently been identified by L. Glen Parham, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia. In his search for more and new tokens he came upon the Ingles Markets of North Carolina and learned that at least the MALO-I below was made by the company mentioned. An address given for 1977 was 35045 Automation Drive, Mt. Clemens MI 48043 with a phone number of (313) 792-6200. Hopefully more can be learned about this company and readers near to the 1977 plant are encouraged to make contact and obtain more information about their production of FSC pieces.

Malo - I

This company's tokens seem to be less known than those of PPCo, but were apparently contemporary with them. Like the RRFO and RRR0 all legend is raised and uncolored. They are uniformly 27mm in diameter with a 1.5mm thick rim. They are slightly flexible, but brittle with a satin finish. The common reverse legend seems to be:

FOOD STAMP CREDIT/ (n.o.v.)¢/ TOKEN

The numeral "1" is 7mm tall and sans-serif. The "¢" is 7mm tall and its crossbar does not bisect the "c". Like the RRFO and RRR0 the numeral is in a faint circle, 16.5mm in diameter. The circle is sometimes raised and sometimes depressed, sometimes smooth or pebbled. Like the others there seems to be an interchangeable denomination mold, but unlike the PPCo series the dies do not seem to be rotated at all. Color/denomination combinations known so far are 1¢-light gray, 5¢-dark red, 10¢-medium blue and 25¢-yellow. Fifty-cent denomination tokens have not yet been examined.

Malo-II

Tokens of this variety seem to be of the same diameter as Malo-I, both sides with raised, uncolored legends. Unlike No. I they are inflexible and brittle. Specimens examined include a 1¢ and 5¢ with a satin finish and 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ pieces with a glossy finish. The reverse legend reads the same as those from PPCo. The numeral "1" is 7.5mm tall, sans-serif and the "¢" is only 5mm tall. Its line does not bisect the "c". The zeros seem to be more square than the other varieties. The faint circle on the reverse is sometimes plain, sometimes pebbled. Color/denomination combinations known are 1¢-black, 5¢-green, 10¢-blue, 25¢-red and 50¢ mottled brown.

Malo-III

MILWAUKEE WI



DETROIT MI



This variety is similar in most respects to Malo-II. The 1¢ token I have observed is flexible with a satin finish and the 10¢, 25¢, and 50¢ pieces are inflexible and glossy. The reverse legend is the same as that of PPCo. The "1" is 7.5mm tall, sans-serif, and the "¢" is 7mm tall. Zeros are more oval than those of Malo-II. Color/denomination combinations are 1¢-off-white, 5¢- (not examined), 10¢-blue, 25¢-red and 50¢ pink.

SPANISH-LANGUAGE TOKENS FICHAS DEL IDIOMA ESPAÑOL

Maker Unknown/ Fabricante Desconocido

AGUADA PR



MATO REY PR



PEÑUELAS PR



This style of token was probably used only in Puerto Rico and was probably made there. The tokens are usually 29mm in diameter and 2mm thick, although a 31mm diameter 10¢ token has been examined. The tokens are extremely flexible and virtually unbreakable. They have a semi-gloss finish. The reverse legend is similar to the PPCo "Alimentos" tokens as follows:

PROGRAMA DE ALIMENTOS/ (n.o.v.)¢/ PARA ALIMENTOS AUTORIZADOS

The numeral "1" is 9mm tall and the "¢" is 12.5mm tall with the line bisecting the "c". There are two varieties of the 50¢ tokens known: a) the "5" is 9.5mm tall and the "¢" is 12.5mm tall; and b) "5" is 5.5mm tall and the "¢" is 6.5mm tall. Color/denomination combinations known are 1¢- (not seen), 5¢-pale green, 10¢-pale blue, 25¢-yellow, 50¢(a)-black and 50¢(b)-gold. Out of 1000 Puerto Rico tokens surveyed there were only seven of this type in all denominations.

New Subscribers

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FAJARDO, PR 00648

FSC Interests: U.S. Virgin Is.

Other: Cut and countermarked coins of the West Indies and West Indies Tokens

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COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

FSC Interests: Indiana & Alaska

Other: Dog and Cat Tax Tags; Indiana and Alaska Trade Tokens.

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DATING PPCO - II



While rummaging through batches of FSC tokens I came upon this Michigan PPCo-LLSN piece dated 1976. This establishes pretty clear time periods for the several PPCo reverse varieties, as follows:

1972-74 LLRN and SLRN

1975 SLSN

1976-79 LLSN, RRFO, RRRFO

Of course with most operations like this I suspect that one or the other designs were begun before or after any of those dates. Let me know what else you may know.

PUERTO RICO AGAIN - II

July 6, 1982

Humacao, Puerto Rico

Dear Jerry:

First of all, congratulations for your award from Numismatics International (for an article on PR FSC tokens). Well deserved!

In relation to Alon Jeffrey's information on the Food Stamp Program on the Island the coupons are being replaced by checks, which can be cashed anywhere and used for anything. The logic behind this, besides politics, is eliminating an extensive Black Market in Food Stamps. This month's recipients will receive a check. Thus, June was the last month for the Food Stamps, although merchants are allowed to accept them until July 31.

Best Regards,

Efraín Archilla-Díez

My main collecting interests are Transportation and INDIANA Trade Tokens and Moose Lodge pieces of all states and countries. Jack Smith, Box 26423, Lawrence IN 46226.

Sets of 5 plastic FSC tokens from U-SAV FOODS, MADISON, WI. Trade even for different tokens or \$2 postpaid. Len Roosmalen, 6801 University Av., Middleton WI 53562.

RHODE ISLAND Tokens of all types wanted. Describe and price to me. Have material for trades. S. Bertram Tabor, 50 North St. Cranston, RI 02920

ANA Museum looking for Food Stamp Change Coupons and Tokens. Do you have duplicates? Why not donate one or a set to the ANA Museum for posterity. Write ANA Museum, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

SAMPLE Change Tokens wanted. Also unusual sizes, shapes, colors & materials as TYPE tokens. Some trades available. Tom Conklin, P.O. Box 440, Rutherford NJ 07070

Some lists of Nevada gambling related and Video Game Amusement tokens available for a 20¢ stamp/ J.F. Schimmel, P.O. Box 40888, San Francisco, CA 94140.

FOOD STAMP

NEW HAMPTON, IA



see
above

(1) LIDDLE'S / SUPER VALU (logo) / NEW HAMPTON / IA

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢)	\$3.00
individual pieces	.75

Obv. small SUPER VALU logo
rev. solid color, Embossed letters



(2) LIDDLE'S / SUPER VALU (logo) / NEW HAMPTON / IA

set of 3 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢) (25¢ 50¢ not used)	2.00
individual pieces	.75

Obv. small SUPER VALU logo
rev. white printed letters



(3) LIDDLE'S / SUPER VALU (logo) / NEW HAMPTON / IA

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢)	2.50
individual pieces	.60

Obv. large SUPER VALU logo
Rev. white printed letters

OGDEN



(1) WILLIAMS / FOOD / MARKET / OGDEN, IA.

full sets (5 tokens)	\$3.50
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(2) WILLIAMS / FOODLAND (on white diamond) / OGDEN / IA

full sets (5 tokens)	\$2.50
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The availability of some sets are limited. I collect Iowa Food stamp tokens and trade tokens. Thus a trade for tokens I need; and don't have in my collection will take precedence.

Lewis K. Ferguson; 1605 Roosevelt Ave.; Ames, Iowa 50010

CHANGE TOKENS

POCAHONTAS (Iowa)



FLYNN'S / By Lo / FOOD STORE (logo)

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢) \$2.50



RICEVILLE* (Iowa)

MASON'S / FINE / FOOD\$ / RICEVILLE, IA.

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢) \$2.50



ATLANTA (Georgia)

HUDSON / SUPERETTE / 2526 / BANKHEAD HWY / ATLANTA / GA

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢) \$2.50

FOOD STAMP CHANGE TOKENS & SCRIP

A WHOLESALE LISTING

100 Different Food Stamp Tokens of different merchants, of plastic, aluminum, wood and from different makers (no full sets included)	\$30.00
500 Different tokens as above, but includes some complete sets from various states	125.00
1000 Different as above	250.00
2000 Different as above	500.00
100 Assorted Tokens	17.50
1000 Assorted Tokens	150.00
5000 Assorted Tokens	650.00
100 Different Food Stamp Scrip, all paper	15.00
200 Different as above	25.00
1000 Assorted Scrip	75.00

Samples of tokens and scrip free for 28¢ SASE!

All orders postpaid to street address (for U.P.S. delivery).

PAUL A. CUNNINGHAM
BOX ONE
TECUMSEH, MI 49286

ODON, IN - Red & White Quality. Three piece plastic PPCo set 1¢, 5¢, 10¢ - \$1.50 postpaid. All 25¢ destroyed, 50¢ not used by store. Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route 1, Box 195-D, Camby IN 46113.

FOR SALE TWO 1982 NEBRASKA BOOKS
- TRADE TOKEN TOWN RARITY LIST
- \$5.00 and 3,400 PLACE NAMES
- \$7.50, both postpaid - will trade for tokens - Geo. Hosek, 7411 Idledale, Omaha NE 68112.

WANTED: Food Stamp Change Tokens from FLORIDA, ALABAMA and GEORGIA
I have tokens from these states for trade. C.R.Clark, P.O. Box 13331, St. Petersburg FL 33733.

Wanted U.S. VIRGIN IS. FSC Tokens for collection. Do not need in quantity or bulk. Also interested in other WEST INDIAN tokens.
K.V.Eckardt, Box 653, Fajardo, PR 00648.

Wanted: INDIANA and ALASKA tokens with state and town printed on token. Dog Tax Tags my choice - 9 for \$2.00 plus SAE with 3¢ in stamps. Virginia King, R.6, Rd. 650 W., Columbia City IN 46725.

Wanted: FLORIDA FST. Will trade other FLORIDA FST. Also collect FL merchants tokens and have traders from FL and other states.
Edw. R. Joyce, 5552 Riverton Rd. Jacksonville FL 32211.

Does anyone have any unreported KANSAS FSC Tokens? I'm also cataloguing Sport Schedule Tokens and would appreciate knowing of any issues from your state. J.W. Baum, 3101 N. Arkansas Av. Wichita KS 76204.

I collect Food Stamp Items with the words "milk" or "dairy" on them as part of my collection of such trade tokens. I have a few other FSC tokens to trade. Melvin Reiter, 6482 Newton Rd., East Lansing MI 48823.

Have many hundreds of tokens for trade or sale. Send your want lists of items you need. I need tokens from my collecting list.
Bill Coleman, P.O. Box 905, Richland WA 99352.

Wanted PUERTO RICO, GUAM, VIRGIN ISLANDS. Have more than 200 diff. tokens from PUERTO RICO to trade or sell. Jose B.Andreu, P.O. Box 22845, UPR Sta., Rio Piedras PR 00931.

Wanted: Encased Postage Stamps, Postal Money Orders, Postal Reply Coupons, Traveller's Checks - worldwide. Paul T. Juno, 2800 Linden Ln., Silver Spring MD 20910.

TEXAS - Brazoria County items needed for collection and cataloging effort (or reports of their existence). Also collect Texas Numismatic items - all sorts. Ronny Livingston, 229 Caladium, Lake Jackson TX 77566.

WANTED! WANTED!
Food Stamp Credit Tokens from MICHIGAN AND WEST VIRGINIA. Steve Penzes, 9312 W. Fort St., Detroit MI 48209/

Wanted: OLD ANIMAL LICENSES any state. Have large trading stock in tokens and other collectables and Dog Tags. Will buy one or complete collection of all types of exonumia. Caly Welty, 8410 W. 108th Av. Broomfield, CO 80020

SASE for my list of FSC tokens for trade or sale. Some full rolls. Or send any number of different FSC tokens receive like number from me. Alon Jeffrey, 366 Behm Drive, Grayslake IL 60030 Small town U.S.A. and CANADA POST CARDS wanted - pre-linens, exteriors, interiors, real photos, main streets clearly showing BANKS! (none over 5 stories). Send on approval. Tom Conklin, Box 440 Rutherford NJ 07070.

Wanted NEBRASKA Exonumia and Biz Directories. Have good stock of traders from IA, MN, SD, KS, MO, CA, IL and NE and others. Geo. Hosek, 7411 Idledale Ln., Omaha NE 68112.

FSC Tokens wanted, esp. MINNESOTA Trades are available. Also seek FS scrip, any other tokens, medals wood money (esp.MN), coins, stamps paper money, seals. Grade tokens please! Marshal Bieniasz, 308 S. Main, Aurora MN 55705.

PEDRO'S, AGANA, GUAM! - 1,5,10, 25 & 50¢ plastic FSC Tokens - \$3.50 per set postpaid. Will also trade for FSC Tokens from AZ, ID, NV, OK, DC & VI. Al Zaika, P.O. Box Bellmawr NJ 08031.

Wanted! FLORIDA FSC and other merchant tokens. Have traders or will buy. N.R.Mack, P.O.Box 395, Goose Creek SC 29445.